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Mississippi Land Values

Mississippi farm real estate values, the measurement of all land and buildings on farms, averaged \$2,000 per acre on January 1, 2009, down 4 percent from 2008. Cropland values averaged \$1,810 per acre, the same as the previous year. Pasture values decreased by 7 percent to \$2,050 per acre.

Survey Procedures: The estimates of land values in the following table are based primarily on the June Area Survey, conducted during the first 2 weeks of June. This annual survey uses a complete, probability-based land-area sampling frame. In 2009, the survey conducted in Mississippi included a stratified sample of 298 land areas (segments), averaging approximately 1 square mile in size. Enumerators collecting data for the June area survey contact all agricultural producers operating land within the boundaries of the sampled land segments and record land value information for crop and pasture land within these segments. They also collect an estimated value of all land and buildings for the operator's entire farming operation and the estimated percent change from the previous year. Survey reported data are reviewed for reasonableness and consistency by comparing with other data reported in the survey and with data reported within the segment the previous year.

Farm Real Estate, Cropland and Pasture, Average Value per Acre, by Selected States and United States, January 1, 2008-2009

State	Farm Real Estate		Cropland		Pasture	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
Dollars						
Alabama	2,300	2,150	2,650	2,500	1,800	1,700
Arkansas	2,420	2,390	1,770	1,860	2,200	2,200
Georgia	4,300	4,000	4,540	4,120	7,450	6,400
Louisiana	2,050	1,970	1,830	1,740	2,060	2,100
Kentucky	2,850	2,850	3,100	3,150	2,570	2,420
Mississippi	2,080	2,000	1,810	1,810	2,200	2,050
Missouri	2,300	2,200	2,500	2,360	1,800	1,700
North Carolina	4,450	4,250	3,850	3,770	4,870	4,600
Oklahoma	1,150	1,170	1,110	1,130	1,000	1,010
South Carolina	2,950	2,900	2,610	2,500	3,000	2,900
Tennessee	3,450	3,300	3,400	3,270	3,880	3,650
Texas	1,550	1,550	1,500	1,480	1,400	1,360
Virginia	5,000	4,800	5,350	5,000	4,830	4,800
United States	2,170	2,100	2,760	2,650	1,090	1,070

Pasture Rented for Cash: Average Cash Rent per Acre,
by Selected States and United States, 2005-2009

State	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Dollars					
Alabama	17.50	18.50	19.50	19.50	20.00
California	12.00	13.00	14.00	15.00	14.00
Florida	18.50	22.00	24.00	25.00	18.00
Georgia	22.00	25.00	25.00	27.00	22.00
Illinois	34.50	34.00	35.00	37.00	36.00
Louisiana	16.50	19.00	23.00	27.00	20.00
Mississippi	16.50	16.00	18.00	18.50	15.00
Missouri	27.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	25.00
North Carolina	25.00	25.00	27.00	29.00	29.00
Oklahoma	9.00	8.50	9.50	10.50	10.50
Tennessee	18.00	19.00	20.00	22.00	22.00
South Dakota	12.30	12.90	13.80	15.90	16.00
Texas	6.20	6.10	6.20	6.50	6.20
Virginia	20.00	20.00	21.00	21.00	21.00
United States	10.30	10.80	10.00	10.50	10.50

Cropland Rented for Cash: Average Cash Rent per Acre,
by Selected States, 2005-2009

State and Land Type	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Dollars					
Arkansas	76.00	76.00	74.00	79.50	83.00
Irrigated	86.00	86.00	90.00	97.00	102.00
Non-Irrigated	58.00	56.00	56.00	60.00	58.00
Colorado	61.00	61.00	37.50	41.00	38.00
Irrigated	100.00	100.00	100.00	110.00	111.00
Non-Irrigated	23.00	23.00	22.00	24.00	23.00
Georgia	58.00	60.00	60.00	65.00	60.00
Irrigated	115.00	116.00	116.00	125.00	140.00
Non-Irrigated	41.00	43.00	44.00	48.00	45.00
Louisiana	66.00	72.00	69.00	73.00	73.00
Irrigated	70.00	81.00	82.00	97.00	89.00
Non-Irrigated	62.00	66.00	66.00	67.00	67.00
Mississippi	69.00	68.00	71.50	80.50	77.00
Irrigated	93.00	90.00	92.00	103.00	100.00
Non-Irrigated	60.00	62.00	65.00	73.00	67.00
Oregon	100.00	100.00	97.00	107.00	110.00
Irrigated	130.00	135.00	165.00	195.00	195.00
Non-Irrigated	70.00	70.00	72.00	75.00	80.00

**Farm Production Expenditures: Major Input Items, Farms Reporting,
Average per Farm and Total, South Region and United States, 2007-2008**

Expenditure	Farms Reporting		Average Per Farm		Total Expenditures	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	Percent		Dollars		Million Dollars	
South Region ¹						
Total Farm Production Expenditures	100.0	100.0	108,922	116,336	31,740	33,970
Livestock, Poultry & Related Expenses	18.9	22.6	7,481	8,288	2,180	2,420
Feed	66.8	63.1	21,585	24,760	6,290	7,230
Farm Services	92.4	93.6	15,649	15,068	4,560	4,400
Rent	23.0	19.4	5,353	5,651	1,560	1,650
Agricultural Chemicals	44.0	43.6	5,731	5,685	1,670	1,660
Fertilizer, Lime & Soil Conditioners	54.5	54.8	6,966	7,945	2,030	2,320
Interest	30.4	32.1	3,946	3,630	1,150	1,060
Taxes (Real Estate & Property)	99.4	98.2	2,848	2,705	830	790
Labor	34.0	30.1	12,388	13,390	3,610	3,910
Fuels	84.3	85.6	6,040	6,712	1,760	1,960
Farm Supplies & Repairs	80.0	81.5	5,594	5,685	1,630	1,660
Farm Improvements & Construction	48.5	50.6	4,255	4,692	1,240	1,370
Tractors & Self-Propelled Farm Machinery	19.7	17.8	3,157	3,390	920	990
Other Farm Machinery	18.7	18.2	1,064	1,267	310	370
Seeds & Plants	31.6	33.0	5,079	5,582	1,480	1,630
Trucks & Autos	19.0	20.4	1,750	1,849	510	540
Miscellaneous Capital Expenses	12.0	9.3	34	34	10	10
United States						
Total Farm Production Expenditures	100.0	100.0	129,062	140,075	283,520	307,020
Livestock, Poultry & Related Expenses	25.1	25.9	15,022	12,912	33,000	28,300
Feed	60.9	59.4	19,073	21,398	41,900	46,900
Farm Services	93.3	93.3	16,752	17,337	36,800	38,000
Rent	28.8	28.2	8,968	10,220	19,700	22,400
Agricultural Chemicals	45.9	45.7	4,780	5,338	10,500	11,700
Fertilizer, Lime & Soil Conditioners	51.7	51.0	8,057	10,265	17,700	22,500
Interest	38.1	38.1	5,508	5,475	12,100	12,000
Taxes (Real Estate & Property)	99.7	99.7	4,689	4,882	10,300	10,700
Labor	32.3	30.8	13,019	13,550	28,600	29,700
Fuels	80.2	85.1	6,145	7,300	13,500	16,000
Farm Supplies & Repairs	79.5	82.7	6,874	7,254	15,100	15,900
Farm Improvements & Construction	53.6	55.7	6,419	7,209	14,100	15,800
Tractors & Self-Propelled Farm Machinery	22.3	22.9	3,915	5,201	8,600	11,400
Other Farm Machinery	23.7	25.4	2,003	2,692	4,400	5,900
Seeds & Plants	39.2	41.1	5,736	6,889	12,600	15,100
Trucks & Autos	21.9	23.0	2,003	2,053	4,400	4,500
Miscellaneous Capital Expenses	14.9	13.1	100	100	220	220

¹ Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina.

Farm Production Expenditures: South Region and United States, 2004-2008

Expenditures	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Million Dollars					
South Region ¹					
Total Farm Production Expenditures	23,690	25,550	27,310	31,740	33,970
Livestock, Poultry & Related	1,590	2,240	2,300	2,180	2,420
Feed	4,280	4,600	5,500	6,290	7,230
Farm Services	3,270	3,580	3,930	4,560	4,400
Rent	1,140	1,130	1,260	1,560	1,650
Agricultural Chemicals	1,380	1,310	1,400	1,670	1,660
Fertilizer, Lime & Soil Conditioners	1,340	1,440	1,440	2,030	2,320
Interest	780	910	890	1,150	1,060
Taxes (Real Estate & Property)	520	610	630	830	790
Labor	2,850	2,790	3,050	3,610	3,910
Fuels	980	1,280	1,410	1,760	1,960
Farm Supplies & Repairs	1,100	1,350	1,430	1,630	1,660
Farm Improvements & Construction	1,140	1,210	1,130	1,240	1,370
Tractors & Self-Propelled Farm	1,140	960	770	920	990
Other Farm Machinery	430	310	320	310	370
Seeds & Plants	1,110	1,270	1,430	1,480	1,630
Trucks & Autos	570	550	410	510	540
Miscellaneous Capital Expenses ²		10	10	10	10
United States					
Total Farm Production Expenditures	211,800	222,940	237,810	283,520	307,020
Livestock, Poultry & Related	19,200	21,600	26,100	33,000	28,300
Feed	29,700	28,000	31,400	41,900	46,900
Farm Services	26,800	29,600	32,000	36,800	38,000
Rent	16,600	17,100	18,300	19,700	22,400
Agricultural Chemicals	8,600	8,800	9,000	10,500	11,700
Fertilizer, Lime & Soil Conditioners	11,400	12,800	13,300	17,700	22,500
Interest	8,900	9,700	10,700	12,100	12,000
Taxes (Real Estate & Property)	7,000	8,000	9,000	10,300	10,700
Labor	23,300	24,000	24,500	28,600	29,700
Fuels	8,000	10,100	11,100	13,500	16,000
Farm Supplies & Repairs	11,600	12,600	13,400	15,100	15,900
Farm Improvements & Construction	12,600	12,700	12,700	14,100	15,800
Tractors & Self-Propelled Farm	8,700	8,500	7,300	8,600	11,400
Other Farm Machinery	4,300	4,100	3,900	4,400	5,900
Seeds & Plants	9,600	10,400	11,000	12,600	15,100
Trucks & Autos	4,800	4,700	3,900	4,400	4,500
Miscellaneous Capital Expenses ²		240	210	220	220

¹ Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina.² Estimates began in 2005.

Mississippi Catfish County Estimates, 2007-2009 ¹

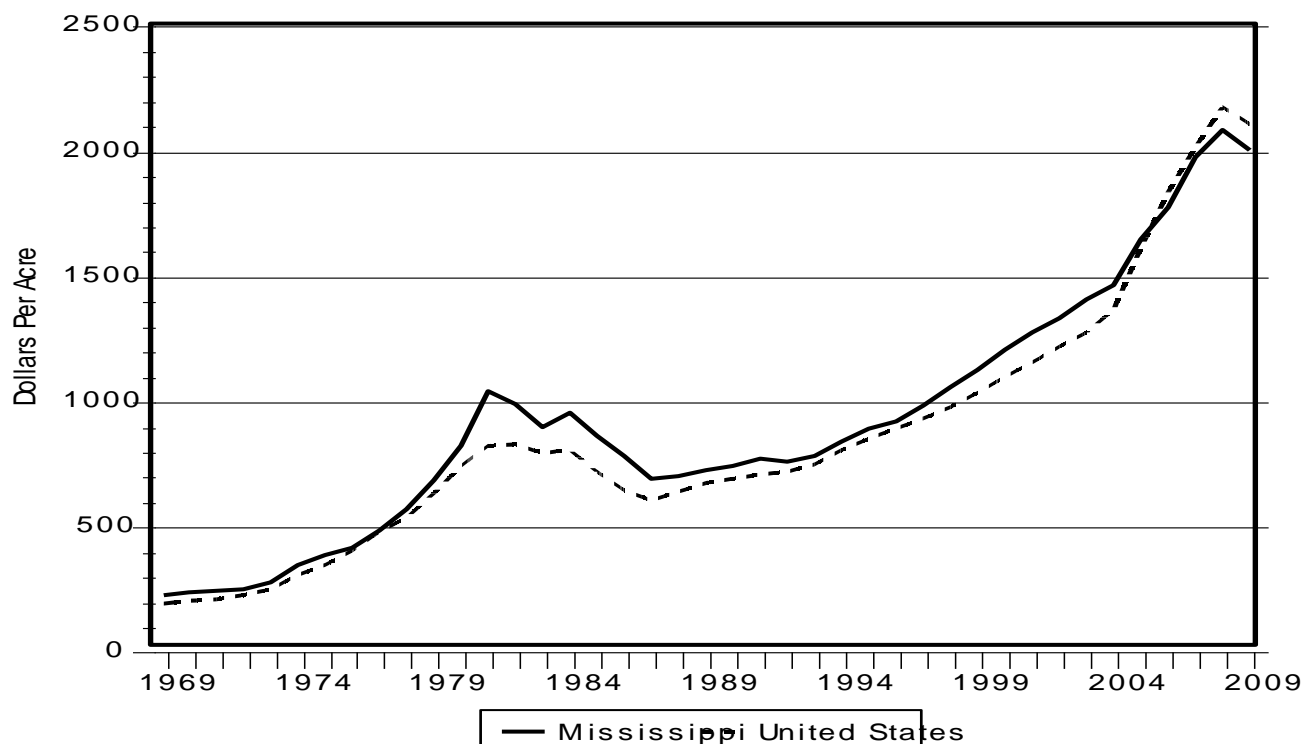
County	Total Water Surface Acres Used for Production ² Jan 1 - Jun 30		Foodsize Sales			
			Live Weight		Total Sales	
	2008	2009	2007	2008	2007	2008
	Acres		Pounds		Dollars	
District 10	6,500	*	21,685,000	*	16,115,000	*
Humphreys	18,800	16,000	47,600,000	34,700,000	34,450,000	26,400,000
Leflore	15,200	17,400	60,500,000	50,500,000	44,670,000	39,980,000
Sunflower	21,200	16,400	57,100,000	54,000,000	41,600,000	41,160,000
Washington	6,000	4,300	18,500,000	16,200,000	13,550,000	12,630,000
Yazoo	4,000	3,900	13,800,000	11,000,000	10,390,000	8,810,000
Other Counties	3,100	2,300	3,900,000	3,655,000	2,960,000	2,880,000
District 40	68,300	60,300	201,400,000	170,055,000	147,620,000	131,860,000
Chickasaw	1,100	800	4,270,000	3,300,000	3,050,000	2,420,000
Lowndes	2,100	2,200	9,300,000	10,500,000	6,600,000	7,460,000
Noxubee	6,600	6,300	30,900,000	31,100,000	22,100,000	22,600,000
Other Counties	4,400	4,600	17,475,000	17,675,000	12,520,000	12,193,000
District 60	14,200	13,900	61,945,000	62,575,000	44,270,000	44,673,000
Other Districts	1,300	6,000	870,000	19,740,000	702,000	15,268,000
State Total	90,300	80,200	285,900,000	252,370,000	208,707,000	191,801,000

¹ Estimates for operations with ponds in more than one county are included in the county where the farm's headquarters is located.

² Total water surface acres include acres used for broodfish, foodfish and fingerling production.

* Included in Other Districts.

Farm Real Estate Values, Mississippi and United States, 1969-2009



**Farm Labor: Employment and Wage Rates, United States,
July 12-18, 2009, with comparisons ¹**

Farm Employment	July 6-12, 2008	April 12-18, 2009	July 12-18, 2009
	1,000		
Hired Workers	828	680	875
150 Days or More	585	554	
149 Days or Less	243	126	611
Agricultural Services			
Workers Working on Farms	345	223	363
Hired Farm & Service Workers	1,173	903	1,238
	Hours per Week		
Hours Worked			
Hired	40.5	40.1	39.8
	Dollars per Hour		
Wage Rate for			
All Hired Workers ^{2,3}	10.34	10.84	10.64
Type or Worker			
Field & Livestock Combined	9.74	10.07	10.04
Field	9.66	9.99	10.04
Livestock	9.98	10.25	10.03

¹ Excludes Alaska.

² Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided some workers but the values are not included in the wage rates.

³ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

**Hired Workers: Wage Rates for Type of Workers and All Hired Workers,
by Selected Regions and United States, July 6-12, 2008 and July 12-18, 2009 ¹**

United States and Region	Type of Worker						Wage Rates for All Hired Workers	
	Field		Livestock		Field & Livestock Combined		Jul 6-12, 2008	Jul 12-18, 2009
	Jul 6-12, 2008	Jul 12-18, 2009	Jul 6-12, 2008	Jul 12-18, 2009	Jul 6-12, 2008	Jul 12-18, 2009		
Appalachian I	9.04	9.18	9.29	10.40	9.50	9.50	9.88	9.88
Appalachian II	9.80	9.36	9.38	9.76	9.65	9.55	10.72	10.34
Southeast	8.56	8.92	8.27	8.84	8.50	8.90	9.00	9.27
Florida	8.84	9.14	9.25	9.50	8.90	9.20	9.90	10.51
Cornbelt I	10.27	9.78	10.87	9.45	10.43	9.70	10.90	10.30
Delta	9.18	8.69	9.74	9.15	9.42	8.85	9.88	9.42
Southern Plains	8.60	8.94	10.12	9.72	9.20	9.30	9.80	9.88
Pacific	9.85	10.93	10.22	11.77	9.87	11.00	10.35	11.43
California	9.85	10.10	11.00	11.15	10.00	10.28	10.74	10.98
Hawaii	11.10	11.60	12.50	13.60	11.21	11.81	13.33	13.97
United States ²	9.66	10.04	9.98	10.03	9.74	10.04	10.34	10.64

¹ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

² Excludes Alaska.

Region: Appalachian I – NC, VA; Appalachian II – KY, TN, WV; Southeast – AL, FL, GA, SC; Cornbelt I – IL, IN, OH; Delta – AR, LA, MS; Southern Plains – OK, TX; Pacific – OR, WA.

Farm Computer Usage: Selected States and United States, 2007 and 2009

State	Farms							
	With Computer Access		That Own or Lease Computers		Using Computers For Farm Business		With Internet Access	
	2007	2009	2007	2009	2007	2009	2007	2009
Percent								
Alabama	55	57	54	54	24	25	50	52
Arkansas	59	65	56	61	32	32	52	56
Georgia	57	54	55	52	26	23	53	50
Kentucky	60	57	57	54	24	26	51	48
Louisiana	51	53	49	51	25	26	49	46
Mississippi	51	53	47	50	22	22	44	47
Missouri	56	54	55	53	29	29	52	49
Tennessee	58	55	46	46	24	22	50	47
United	64	64	60	61	35	36	57	59

Farm Computer Usage: Access and Use of Internet, by Selected States and United States, 2007 and 2009

State	Farms							
	Purchase Agricultural Inputs Over Internet ¹		Conduct Agricultural Marketing Activities Over Internet ²		Access USDA/NASS Reports Over Internet		Access Other USDA Reports/Services Over Internet	
	2007	2009	2007	2009	2007	2009	2007	2009
Percent								
Alabama	8	8	5	7	5	3	6	5
Arkansas	9	9	4	6	4	5	6	12
Florida	19	22	10	15	8	5	14	9
Georgia	9	6	5	8	2	3	7	6
Kentucky	8	9	6	8	3	5	7	7
Louisiana	6	8	3	7	2	3	8	7
Mississippi	5	8	4	5	3	5	7	7
Missouri	7	7	5	7	5	5	10	9
North Carolina	5	16	11	12	6	5	12	14
Oklahoma	11	12	11	11	6	6	10	11
South Carolina	15	10	15	7	4	6	8	6
Tennessee	7	9	7	7	5	8	8	8
Texas	9	11	8	8	4	4	8	8
Virginia	13	10	7	6	4	7	8	13
United States	11	13	10	11	6	7	11	12

¹ Agricultural inputs include seed, fertilizer, chemicals, veterinarian supplies, feed, machinery, replacement parts, farm supplies, office equipment, etc.

² Agricultural marketing activities include direct sales of commodities, on-line crop and livestock auctions, on-line market advisory services, commodity price tracking, etc.

Primary Method of Internet Access,
by Selected States and United States, 2007 and 2009 ¹

State	Dialup		DSL		Cable		Satellite	
	2007	2009	2007	2009	2007	2009	2007	2009
Percent								
Alabama	55	37	23	28	10	13	7	11
Arkansas	56	17	22	45	4	11	11	13
Georgia	27	17	56	52	9	21	5	5
Kentucky	40	29	32	40	8	6	12	6
Louisiana	53	22	23	42	8	12	9	12
Mississippi	57	35	22	35	5	6	10	15
Missouri	55	33	31	34	2	5	5	14
Tennessee	62	21	13	34	8	23	3	11
United States	47	23	27	36	7	11	7	13

¹ Primary method of internet access for those operators who have access to the internet.